

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

~~CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS DATA~~

[0001] This application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/430,117, now U.S. Patent No. 6,665,060, filed on October 29, 1999. This application incorporates herein by reference three U.S. patent applications filed on October 29, 1999, under Serial Nos. 09/430,116, now U.S. Patent No. 6,348,325, 09/430,196, now U.S. Patent No. 6,661,501, and 09/430,198, now U.S. Patent No. 7,006,674 of even date herewith entitled Cytological Stain Composition, Cytological Stain Composition Including Verification Characteristic, and Apparatus and Methods for Verifying the Location of Areas of Interest Within a Sample in an Imaging System, and identified by Attorney Docket Nos. CYM-031, CYM-033, and CYM-034, respectively.